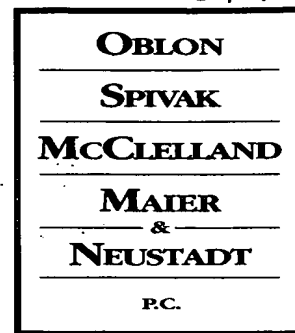




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/869,295
Applicants: Leon DE BEER
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Group Art Unit: 2617
Examiner: IQBAL

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Applicant and Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of a personal interview with Supervisory Patent Examiner George Eng and Examiner Khawar Iqbal on February 21, 2007.

During the interview, the claimed inventions were discussed and differences between the claimed inventions and the disclosure of Mueller, identified in the outstanding Office Action, were discussed. During the discussion, it was agreed that the rejection of Claims 1, 3-9, 11-26, 30, 31, 36-38, 44, 45, 48, 50, 51, 53-68, 70, 71, 75, 77, 80-83, 85-88, and 90 was improper under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because U.S. Patent 6,185,413 to Mueller et al. (herein "Mueller") fails to teach or suggest each of the features of the independent claims.

Further, it was discussed that Mueller describes a mobile station that calculates expected charges for a desired connection for each different carrier being considered for a


transmission connection.¹ However, Mueller fails to teach or suggest storing routing information in a lookup table of a mobile telephone, Mueller fails to teach or suggest route codes in the lookup table being representative of a preferred route for connection to a respective call destination, Mueller fails to teach or suggest that the route codes comprise results of a route selection decision by a control center remote from the mobile telephone, and Mueller fails to teach or suggest accessing the lookup table using an address determined at least in part by the call destination information to obtain a selected preferred route code. In addition, it was noted that Mueller may also fail to teach or suggest other features of the independent claims.

Accordingly, Supervisory Patent Examiner Eng indicated that prosecution will be reopened based on the interview and that no further action is required by Applicant. Further, Supervisory Patent Examiner Eng indicated that a new Office Action will be issued upon further search and consideration.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully awaits a favorable action on the merits.

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¹ Mueller at Abstract.